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5. [] Met briefly with Mike Van Dusen, Near East and South Asia Subcommittee, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that Chairman Hamilton has been in hearings all afternoon and has not yet read General Walters' letter concerning Agency personnel assigned to the [] He will speak to Hamilton about it in the morning and may call to arrange a briefing.

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6. [] Met with Jim Gehrig, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee staff, and completed the necessary security documentation in debriefing prior to his pending trip to the Soviet Union. By present schedule he will be departing the city tomorrow with Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.). I also gave him a defensive briefing.

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7. [] [] IC Staff, and I met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed with him the draft considerations for response to Chairman McClellan's, Senate Appropriations Committee, request for a letter outlining the Agency's position on setting forth the intelligence community budget for FY-74 in the Committee report together with possible dollar totals for the seven major intelligence components. In brief Preston advised that although there is minimal pressure in the House for release of such information, Chairman Mahon is very firm in his position that such information should not be set forth in committee reports. At the most, he might accede to a statement concerning the overall community budget but even then he would feel all that would be accomplished would be moving the pressure line back to demands for revelation of the individual agency budget totals. See [] Memorandum for the Record.

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8. [] Met briefly with William Hogan, Counsel, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him Volume III of documentation provided by CIA concerning Watergate. Hogan recommended that the Volume be delivered directly to Chairman Nedzi so that we might have the benefits of his comments and questions firsthand.

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